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Cunningham Creek Elementary School

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'Strick'-ly Speaking

Way to go Cardinals!!! We did not meet our fundraising goal, we shattered it!! The final count is in and we have raised \$51,933!! A tremendous thank you to all of our students, parents and our awesome PTO volunteers for all of your hard work!! All of the students will get to slime, Mrs. Murphy, Coach Mickley or Mr. Strickland this Friday. PTO is already in the process to get the 26 classes that hit their goal their \$150 in books. We are overwhelmed by the success of the FUNd Run this year!!!

Morning with Mom events are coming! The CCEPTO is hosting an event especially for moms, grandmothers, and the special females in our students' lives. Please join us for coffee, juice and a breakfast treat at 7:45am on the basketball court.

Tuesday November 10th – Students with last names A-L

Thursday November 12th – Students with last names M-Z

Friday, November 20th will be our schoolwide Vocabulary Parade. Our students really enjoyed this event last year, and came up with very creative costume ideas. Please be looking for more information from your child's teacher soon. I can't wait to see what our creative cardinals come up with this year!!

Save the date – Friday December 11th will be our annual Light the Night fundraiser for the St. Augustine Boys Home. More information will be coming regarding this great event.

Have a great November!
Jud Strickland

November Book of the Month – The November book of the month is *Stick and Stone* by Beth Ferry, Tom Lichtenheld. Author Beth Ferry makes a memorable debut with a warm, rhyming text that includes a subtle anti-bullying message even the youngest reader will understand.

Pink Out Day – Special thanks to all the students who participated in PINK OUT day! More than \$500 was raised to help our Dreams Come True child.



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 6

Student Fall Picture Retakes

NOVEMBER 9

PTO Meeting, Media Center,
6:30pm

NOVEMBER 10

Morning with Mom – PTO Event
7:00am-8:30am on Pavilion (A-L)

NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day – No school for
students and staff

NOVEMBER 12

Morning with Mom – PTO Event
7:00am-8:30am on Pavilion (M-Z)

NOVEMBER 12

SAC Meeting 3:30pm

November 13

Interims issued

November 20

Vocabulary Parade 9:00am

NOVEMBER 26

Thanksgiving Break – No School

DECEMBER 3

Bookfair begins in Media Center
and runs through December 11.

MORE CUNNINGHAM CREEK NEWS

Spanish Update – Greetings parents! My name is Ms. Ortagus. I am your child's new Spanish resource teacher. We are off to a great start in our program using a variety of methods to learn. Kindergarten through fourth grades have been learning numbers. Fourth and fifth grades have been learning about the many different Spanish speaking countries in the world and also about some basic greetings in Spanish. I look forward to a fun and productive year.

Proctors Needed for Kindergarten DE Testing! – Our Kindergarteners will be taking the reading and math Discovery Education testing starting Monday, November 30th. Our district requires all classes taking the test to have a proctor for each session. If you have some time, would you consider volunteering as a proctor? The test sessions generally last an hour from start to finish. If you are able to assist, please contact Stacie Prosser or Jill Turrentine at the front desk.

Gifted Parent Advisory Council – The SJCS D Gifted Parent Advisory Council meets to inform the school district about ways in which we can improve our efforts in serving our gifted students. These are open meetings and are announced on school newsletters or website announcements. Parents of K-12 gifted students from throughout the district are encouraged to come to any or all of the meetings which are scheduled around the district four times a year. The meetings for 2015-2016 are:

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| Thursday, November 5 th | 4:30-5:30 | Valley Ridge Academy |
| Thursday, February 25 th | 4:30-5:30 | Gamble Rogers Middle School |
| Thursday, April 21 st | 4:30-5:30 | Mill Creek Elementary |

Character Corner...

Congratulation to the following students for being recognized as our **Cardinal of the Month** recipients during October for positive behavior and consistent demonstration of **RESPONSIBILITY!!**

Kindergarten: Yohan Arun, Brooklyn Brant, Elena Del Moral, Ella Holling, Dylan Langeland, Braelyn McGarvey, and Jack Tanner

First Grade: Aly Haneline, Vivian Hurley, Travis Jordan, Arinze Oteka, Amy Pham, Jason Polly, Phoenix Thalassenos, and Luwam Yikuno

Second Grade: Lauren Antal, Grace Bajalia, Luke Carbone, Sofia Colindres, Emily Hamill, Reese Morton, Jocelynn Perez, and Sadie Underwood.

Third Grade: CJ Brown, Amelia Costello, Ben Evans, Navya Goswami, Aislynn Hurley, Xan Perkins, Tyler Stegmaier, and Leah Ursini

Fourth Grade: Chanel Boll, Ryland Coston, Matthew Duck, Christian Marmo, Samuel Stucki, Amelia Thomas, and Blake Wade.

Fifth Grade: Maxwell Agyei-Appiadu, Sydney Arant, Aislin Bail, Jaxon Parker, Maddie Schneider, Christopher Snider, Sophia Spendiff and Lucas Tillman.

The Character Counts! Pillar for the month of November/December is: **CITIZENSHIP:** Do your share to make your school and community better • Cooperate • Get involved in community affairs • Stay informed; vote • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authority • Protect the environment • Volunteer

The Six Pillars of Character.



CCE BUSINESS PARTNERS

The CCE PTO Business Partners Program was a giant success last year. If you have a business that would be interested, please contact Asmita Singh at tbird06@gmail.com or Chris Slack at cmslack@gmail.com.

IN THE COMMUNITY

CREEKS BASEBALL CLUB

Saturday, November 7th will be the day to tryout for Spring! Please register at www.creeksbaseballclub.com

2ND ANNUAL EPILEPSY

FOUNDATION CHILI COOKOFF

Saturday, November 14th will be this family friendly community event to raise money for the Epilepsy Foundation of Florida. There will be Live music, food trucks, photo booth, raffles, activities for kids and lots of Chili! It will be from 11am-3pm at Faith Community Church, 3450 County Road 210, St Johns.

LADIES FLAG FOOTBALL

Ancient City Ladies Flag Football season will begin January 8, 2016. An informational meeting will be Friday, December 4th at 6:30pm in the meeting room above concessions at Veteran's Park. Interested teams and players should attend. For more information, please contact Jim Ed Williams at 904-945-0696.